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We hope you are enjoying *Pantry News*. A newsletter designed with you in mind! You will have the opportunity to try out new recipes using food items that you receive in your bag.

Chicken Parmesan Casserole

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rotini, or any small pasta, Uncooked
- 1 (12 oz) can chicken, chunks, Drained
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 cups pasta (marinara sauce)
- 1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs



Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2. Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Once the water is boiling, stir in the rotini, and return to a boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain well in a colander.
- 3. Stir together the pasta, chicken, and mozzarella cheese in a large casserole dish. Pour the marinara sauce over the pasta mixture; sprinkle with bread crumbs. Cover the dish with aluminum foil.
- 4. Bake in the preheated oven until the cheese is entirely melted, about 35 minutes.

What can I do with dried blueberries and cherries?

Dried berries can be used in trail mix, granola bars, oatmeal, yogurt, muffins and pancakes. You can mix the them into a salad with walnuts or pecans for a nutritious kick. Blend them in a food processor or blender with a little water, as part of a fresh syrup to top desserts or breakfast foods. To rehydrate the dried berries for cooking or baking, soak, covered in hot water for 5-10 minutes. The berries will begin to rehydrate. Drain thoroughly before adding to your recipe.



Salsa Pinto Beans

Ingredients:

1 small onion, chopped

1 TB oil, vegetable or olive

1 garlic clove, minced

2 cups pinto beans- (soak 1 cup dried beans overnight in 4-5 cups cold water to hydrate before using in recipe)

2/3 cup salsa

Directions:

In a large skillet, sauté onion in oil until tender. Add garlic, cook 1minute longer. Stir in the beans and salsa; heat through.

* This is a zippy alternative to refried beans. This easy side dish is so homey and hearty. For an extra zing, top with shredded cheese or a dollop of sour cream.

This month's produce will be supplied by Willow Wisp Farms & Stan Bialecki.

Peanut Butter Cheerio Bars

Ingredients

1/3 cup creamy peanut butter

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter

3 cups cheerios or Toasty O's

Directions

- 1. Combine peanut butter and butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat in 30 second intervals until melted and combined well. (If you don't have a microwave, you can use a small pan on the stove top on low to medium heat until melted.)
- 2. Stir in the Cheerios or Toasty O's.
- 3. Pack the mixture into an 8" pan that has been well-greased or lined with parchment paper.
- 4. Chill for at least an hour.
- 5. Unmold and cut into serving portions.

